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SUBJECT: BILATERAL S&T AGREEMENT WITH NZ

REF: WELLINGTON 3159

1. MR. RICHARD ATKINS, DCM NZ EMB. WASH., AND MR. LLOYD BROWN, CHAIRMAN, NZ NATURAL RES. COUNCIL CALLED ON DEPT (SCI) DEC. 3 TO TALK INFORMALLY ABOUT US/NZ S&T COOPERATION. MEMCON POUCHED. ATKINS & BROWN SAID GNZ HAS NO MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH US DRAFT AGREEMENT AS REPORTED REFTEL. GNZ HOWEVER WOULD SEEK THREE (3) CHANGES:

(A) ADDING AN ARTICLE PROVIDING FOR PROGRAM REVIEW

(B) SPECIFIC PROVISION FOR EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT

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AFTER FIVE YEARS, IF US & NZ AGREE TO DO SO

(C) SPECIFIC PROVISION FOR ACTIVITIES BEGUN UNDER
AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE TO COMPLETION, EVEN IF
AGREEMENT TERMINATED.

2. ATKINS SAID EMB. WELLINGTON WOULD BE FORMALLY ADVISED
OF GNZ REACTION AT AN EARLY DATE. HE ALSO NOTED APPOINTMENT
OF DR. MAIDEN AS PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR NZ SIDE OF JOINT
PROGRAMS. DEPT ADVISED ATKINS AND BROWN THAT SUBSTANCE OF

NZ SUGGESTED CHANGES DID NOT APPEAR TO PRESENT DIFFICULTIES,
BUT WE WOULD AWAIT RECEIPT OF FORMAL GNZ RESPONSE BEFORE
SPECIFIC COMMENT. BROWN EMPHASIZED GNZ DESIRE THAT
COOPERATION UNDER PROGRAM BE "ON EQUAL BASIS" AND NOTED
PM KIRK'S PERSONAL INTEREST AND INTENTION OF NZ TO COMMIT
SUBSTANTIAL FUNDING TO PROGRAM. FYI, ATKINS AND BROWN
ALSO TALKED ABOUT S&T INTERESTS WITH NSF.

3. FOLLOWING COMMENTS KEYED TO QUESTIONS RAISED INDICATED
PARAS. REFTEL:

(PARA 2) PRECISE FORM AND PLACE OF FINAL AGREEMENT
NOT FIXED YET; WE WOULD APPRECIATE GNZ VIEWS. HOWEVER,
WE CONTEMPLATE SIGNING OF AGREEMENT DOCUMENT BY APPROPRIATE
USG & GNZ REPS IN WELLINGTON. PRESENT US PROPOSED TEXT
(STATE 222471) DOES NOT CALL FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

(PARA 3) EMB ASSUMPTION CORRECT.

(PARA 6) DEPT DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE EXPANSION OF THE
AGREEMENT PER SE FROM BILATERAL TO MULTILATERAL; HOWEVER,
US DRAFT (ART X) PROVIDES THAT THIRD COUNTRIES MAY
PARTICIPATE IN PROJECTS AND COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES ON
INVITATION AND BY MUTUAL APPROVAL OF USG AND GNZ. KISSINGER

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